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Title: Need to repair old Jagraon Railway Bridge in Ludhiana, Punjab.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA): The Railway Over Bridge (ROB) No. 3918 also known as Jagraon Bridge in Ludhiana was constructed in the year 1888. Today, it is 128 years old.

The condition of the bridge is such that over the time due to corrosion, the iron girders of the bridge have weakened considerably. Particularly, the cross girders of 3rd span are badly corroded and damaged. As the risk to the life of the people has increased considerably, the district administration had banned the movement of heavy vehicles over the bridge some time back and has diverted the traffic-flow causing a lot of harassment to the local residents.

Few days back, the senior officials of the Northern railways after inspecting the bridge had advised that the bridge be closed for any kind of traffic with immediate effect in view of the risks involved.

Considering the fact that the railway traffic to Amritsar and upto Jammu would be badly affected if anything untoward happens, the iron girders of the ROB No. 3918 be replaced expeditiously to increase its life-span in public interest.